

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
September 19, 2012**

**Council Members Present:** Dr. Pearl Kamer, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Dr. Patricia Hill Williams

Excused: David Curry, Esq.; Mr. Robert Stricoff

**College Administration, Staff and Guests:** Dr. Hubert Keen; Dr. Lucia Cepriano; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Mr. Greg Blyskal; Chief Marvin Fischer; Ms. Kathy Coley; Mr. Brian Maher

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Dr. Kamer welcomed everyone back and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2012. Mr. Paul Caroleo made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Kathleen Ferrell.

**MOTION PASSED**

- **Council Membership** – There are some vacancies on the Council; a call received from Albany indicated we can expect to hear in four to six weeks.
- **LIA Annual Business Fact Book 2012** was distributed. Farmingdale is one of the sponsors and has a full page on the back cover.
- **ACT Scholarship** - Allison Prete, a Visual Communications student who placed the Dream Trees around the campus, was selected for her excellent academic record and unique project.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- **FSG** – Dr. Keen welcomed the student representative, Vice President Joy Grynko.
- **Policy on Hazing** – SUNY Chancellor issued a letter to Presidents to assure that policies are enforced throughout the campuses. Dr. Keen called attention to the *Student Handbook* and specifically the “Student Code of Conduct” on p. 40. Dr. Corti discussed how fraternities on campus must comply with very strict national policy. Students are informed of the Student Code of Conduct when they attend orientation. Dr. Patricia Hill Williams said fraternities and sororities can be good for the students, but she stressed the importance of Student Affairs being involved in oversight of them on the campus.
- **Enrollment Fall 2012 and Plans** – The report distributed showed a total of 7,930 students were enrolled, an increase of 3.5 percent over last fall. Transfers increased substantially by 21 percent, in keeping with our plan; transfer students enhance our four-year degree programs. Bar graphs in the report show the enrollment comparisons and target percentages from 2011-2012.

The *Newsday* editorial, “Jobs and skills: a very clear link,” emphasized that Farmingdale does monitor the workplace with respect to our education of students and employment in the job market.

- **Academic Program Development and Mission Change** - We are proceeding on the development of the mission change to offer master's degrees. A committee is working with Provost Cepriano on this and will have a proposal in the next few weeks or months, hopefully completed with regents approval by next July. A self-study must go along with this to prepare for the mission change. Students continuing from bachelor programs, as well as those in the workforce who take evening courses, will be candidates for the master's program.
- **SUNY Budget Allocation Model** – Difficult to prepare due to the differences – research centers, medical schools, technical colleges, etc. - this addresses the allocation of state dollars. The proposed budget which consists of two pages in the handout is not yet fully accepted. Farmingdale comes out well. The new model is not being used in 2012-13 but is for 2013-14 and beyond. When it is implemented, Farmingdale will get 3.9, 3.7 and 4.8 percent respectively over the next three years. Dr. Kamer said that what administration, faculty, and staff have

accomplished with this campus is getting just recognition. *US News and World Report* ranked Farmingdale eighth on the list of public colleges in the northeast region.

- **SUNY 2020 Program Proposal** – As part of his efforts on economic development, the Governor established the LI Regional Economic Development Council. Funding in the amount of \$60 million is available, and all of the campuses are applying. We have been working on two proposals in collaboration with Suffolk and Nassau Community Colleges and SUNY College at Old Westbury. The proposal is due October 15h. One will be helpful in funding the third building of the Broad Hollow Bioscience Park, as well as academic programs in the biosciences on the campus. The second has components in manufacturing, energy and health care information technology.
- **Broad Hollow Bioscience Park Strategic Plan** – Greg Blyskal, Executive Director of the Broad Hollow Bioscience Park, discussed. The money from the grant must be used for construction purposes. Funds from the OSI lease can match the SUNY money which could be used to build the third building. Under an operating agreement, a ground lease, we do not have to go through the Construction Fund to have new companies come in. Biotech companies like to locate near other biotech companies, and we would like to create such a cluster here.
- **Resolution Honoring Dr. Harry Babb** – Dr. Keen read a resolution to recognize Dr. Babb who taught in the Criminal Justice program for nearly forty years. Dr. Cepriano said Dr. Babb was still highly regarded by the Suffolk County Police Department and interacted with them in purposeful ways even after his retirement. Dr. Babb passed away in July, 2012. If passed, a memorial plaque will be placed in the Office of Criminal Justice and Security Systems Department to honor his years of service to the college, the community and the country. A motion was made by Mr. Paul Caroleo, and seconded by Ms. Kathleen Ferrell, to accept the resolution.

**MOTION PASSED**

Dr. Keen gave the College Council members a copy of the book, "Farmingdale State College a History," by Frank Cavaioli.

Dr. Kamer announced the events listed: the next College Council meeting on Dec. 11 at 2:00 pm followed by the holiday party at 3:30 pm; Commencement on Dec. 19 (snow date Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>).

Dr. Keen said the honorary doctorate degree will be presented at Commencement to Education Minister Melo from the Dominican Republic. Seventy-five students from the DR enrolled this fall, joining thirty already here. We are restricted in terms of residence hall space, and Dr. Corti said a feasibility study is underway regarding the addition of dorm space. A discussion took place on international students coming from China, Brazil, Germany, India, Chile and Spain. International students enrich and invigorate the campus, and we would also like our students to study abroad.

A motion was made by Kathleen Ferrell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Caroleo; and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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[approved 12/11/12]

**Next Meeting: December 11, 2012 – 2:00 pm**